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Re: Enclosed Amendment After-Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/660,754  
Docket No.: K06-161131M/TBS

Dear Examiner Binda:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 9, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
James E. Howard

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In re Application of

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-4, 11-14, 40-44, 46-47, and 50-55 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification and claims 1 and 50 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claim 45 is canceled. Claims 1 and 50 are independent.